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"AMOS AND ANDY"
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Andy is dissatisfied with Lawyer Snoop who was secured through the efforts of the Kingfish. Andy realizes that Madam Queen's action may cause him a great deal of trouble. As the scene opens now we find Andy seated at his desk, his head bent over on his hands in front of him just as Amos enters. Here they are:--

Amos---Is you 'sleep???

Andy---(soft) No Amos I ain't 'sleep---I just thinkin'--- just dropped my head down on de desk.

Amos---Well I done told yo' ain't no use mopin' 'round heah Andy. If you goin' git you down in de dumps like dat don't hang 'round heah 'cause you git me feelin' de same way.

Andy---Yo' know de thought just hit me while ago dat Madam Queen an' her lawyeh mean bizness.

Amos---Cert'ny dey mean bizness---you ain't just found dat out, is yo'?

Andy---No, but on de otheh hand, I'se just beginnin' to think about it. You know whut dey doin', don't yo'?---or whut dey goin' do?

Amos---Whut you mean?

Andy---Dey goin' sue me fo' breach o' promise or sumpin'.

Amos---Well, whut did yo' think dey was doin', just foolin' wid yo'?

Andy---Well, I didn't know dat she was goin' to all dat trouble, De way Lawyeh Snoop told me today, he say dat she fixin' to take de lunch room away from me an' de taxicab bizness, an' lean on both of 'em, or sumpin'.

Amos---How you like Snoop?

Andy---How YOU like him?

Amos---Well, I don't know, he act kind-a crazy to me----- always talkin' 'bout dressin' up like a plumber or sumpin'--

--do some DEtective work. You don't need no DEtective.

Andy---Whut I need is a lawyeh.

Amos---An' a good one.

Andy---Well, 'cordin to lawyeh Snoop, he claim dat he kin handle ev'ything---de only thing dat's worryin' him now is 'bout his money, an' de Kingfish is worryin' mo' dan Snoop is.

Amos---Whut'd yo' tell him?

Andy---I told him I just didn't have de cash to hand him right now. I told him I'd give him so much a week till I git it paid up, whuteveh he charge me. He say he goin' work on a PU'cent....

Amos---Of whut you make?

Andy---No, whut he saves me from losin'.

Amos---Wait a minute---dat sound bad. He goin' work on a PU'cent o' whut he saves YOU from LOSIN'. Well, how much do he think he goin' save you from losin'?

Andy---Well, when I was talkin' to him, he said sumpin' 'bout thousan's, an' dat's when I got deaf.

Amos---You mean dat HE goin' git thousands?

Andy---He say he goin' save me thousan's.

Amos---Heah you is been goin' all dese yeahs, an' you can't git \$25 together, an' he goin' save you thousands.

Andy---Wait a minute---heah come brotheh Crawford---don't tell him nuthin' 'bout me havin' a lawyeh.

Amos---Well---hello brotheh Crawford.

Andy---Come in.

John---Well boys, I was just over at de house, so I thought I would drop over before going back to the lunch room.

Andy---Whut's on yo' mind?

John---My wife called me up about an hour ago an' wanted me to come home. Madam Queen is having one of her spells.

Amos---How is she feelin' today?

John---Well, she's pretty bad.

Andy---Whut kind o' spells she havin' now?

John---According to the doctor she will probably be in bed a long time, and the doctor says she might never get back her health. And all on account of your actions Andy.

Andy---I don't see how whut I done put her in bed. All I done was tell her dat I couldn't git married---today is de 16th--she been in bed 16 days.

Amos---It's a mess alright.

John---She's as mad as she can be and she was getting a little better till you sent her those two cabbages, and she's had a relapse.

Andy---I told yo' dat was a mistake---de man sent de cabbages instead o' de flowehs.

Amos---Dat was de worst mixup dat you ever had happen to yo', I guess.

Andy---Tell me dis brotheh Crawford, I was sittin' heah today an' I saw a man go in de house dere by de name of M. Smith. Did you eveh meet him?

John---No, I've never talked to Mr. Smith except once. He's Madam Queen's lawyer.

Andy---You don't know whut Madam Queen is been talkin' to him 'bout, do yo'?

John---No, it's none o' my bizness whut dey talk about. I think you have some idea though, don't yo'?

Amos---Yeh, Andy got a idea.

Andy---Is she mad wid me?

John---Well, Andy, I don't intend to talk dis thing over wid anyone--- it is not my bizness, and if you wanna find out anything, you got to see Madam Queen's lawyer.

Andy---Well, I just ast yo'. I don't want yo' to talk about nuthin'.

Amos---How's ev'ything goin' over at de lunch room?

John---Well, it's going alright, but don't forget that you boys will have to put in some time dere yourself.

Amos---Well, I comin' over dere after a while.

Andy---Oh--oh. Heah come de Kingfish an' Snoop.

John---Who's coming?

Amos---Listen brother Crawford, why don't you go ahead over to de lunch room an' I'll be over dere in 'bout 5 minutes.

Andy---Hello Kingfish---brotheh Snoop.

King---Well, hello brother Andy---Amos---an' brotheh Crawford.

Snoop--Hello boys.

Amos---Hello dere brother Snoop---an' Kingfish. Dis is brotheh Crawford, brother Snoop.

Snoop--Brother Crawford, glad to meet yo'.

John---An' glad to meet YOU.

King---Well, if you boys are havin' a meetin' heah, why we kin come back some other time.

Andy---Oh no, we ain't havin' no meetin'---IS we Amos?

Amos---No.

John---(to Kingfish) Well brother Kingfish, I haven't seen you fo' a few days, how have you been---how is everything at de lodge hall?

Andy (to Amos at same time --whisper) Git brotheh Crawford out heah---- quick.

King---Well, ev'ything is goin' fine brother Crawford--- goin' have a meetin' next week.

Andy---Yeh, dat'll be good.

John---Brother Snoop, it seems to me I've seen you somewhere. I can't place where it is.

Snoop--Well, I'm all around town quite a good deal. Have one o' my cards---Snoop de lawyeh---Snoop de detective.

John---Thank you very much.

Snoop--If you need a lawyer or a detective, my law hours are from 8 to 5, but my detective department is open 24

hours a day.

Amos---Brother Crawford, let's me an' you git over to de lunch room, see how ev'ything is.

Andy---Yeh, dat's a good idea.

John---Well, I'm glad to met you brother Snoop. Brother Kingfish, I'll see you again.

Snoop--Yeh, same to yo'.

King---See yo' later.

Amos---We'll be back after while maybe----So long.

Andy---(emphatically) SO LONG.

King---Brother Snoop, that is Madam Queen's brother-in-law.

Snoop--Oh yes. I gave him one of my cards, didn't I? I believe he is the one that met me at the door when I was posing as de telephone man an' de brush salesman.

King--Maybe we better not tell him too much.

Andy---You betteh not tell him NUTHIN'.

Snoop--Well Andy, I've gotten all de facts togetheh an' made a fact- simily, an' I know a fellow dat works in a office where dey have a machine dat makes copies of lettehs, an' as soon as dat machine is not in use, he's goin' to strike off a few copies.

King--Well Andy, we been talkin' over ev'ything about price. How much kin you stand?

Andy--Whut yo' mean how much kin I stand?

King--Well, how much have you got, or kin you git hold of?

Andy--You ain't countin' ev'ything I got, is yo', or kin git hold of?

Snoop--Well, yo' know I wanted to have everything settled before I go into battle an' by de way, I have a little bill against you already, an' I might as well give you dat now.

Andy--Whut's dis? Five dollahs fo' whut?

Snoop--Well, I have a boy 15 yeahs old---I'm learning him to be a detective, so I have him hangin' around Madam

Queen's back yard, an' I'm chargin' you \$5.00 a week fo' him. He has on tennis shoes an' moves around widout anyone hearin' him.

King---Yo' see, you have father an' son on de case.

Andy---Whut is he doin' in de back yard?

Snoop--Well, so dey won't suspect him, he is shootin' marbles wid some boys.

King---Now, let's git down to BIG price.

Andy---Wait a minute, I gotta have Amos wid me.

King---Yeh, we want Amos 'cause de way we figgers, you could borrow de money from Amos dat we is goin' charge you.

Andy---Yeh. Let's git Amos.